**Levy Collection by Coercive methods in Khanapur and Belgaum Taluk**

285. SRI P. A. PAVSE (Uchagaon)—

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur)—

SRI G. L. ASHTEKAR (Bagewadi)—Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government is aware that foodgrains levy is being collected by coercive methods by Tahsildars of Khanapur and Belgaum Taluks;

(*b*) whether Government is aware that the levy is collected at a time when agriculturists have sold their Agricultural products and have only meagre stocks with them to meet their domestic needs;

(*c*) whether Government intend to issue urgent instructions to these Tahsildars to stop harassment and coercive methods in collecting levy from agriculturists ?

SRI G. RAMEGOWDA (Minister for Food and Forests).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Collection of levy paddy commenced in Belgaum District during December 1977. But, practically, there was no response from the agriculturists during the months of January and February 1978 and the officials were also engaged in election work. The levy collection Centres were, therefore, kept open to enable the growers to pay levy, who offer voluntarily.

(*c*) It is not the intention of the Government that harassment and coercive methods should be used for collection of levy from the agriculturists. Tahsildars have, therefore been suitably instructed to procure paddy from ryots as per rules.

SRI P. A. PAVSE.—It is stated that collection of levy paddy commenced in Belgaum during December 1977, and practically there was no response. No notices were issued to the agriculturists after the elections and the revenue officers started collecting paddy.

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SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—We do not know Kannada. We want answers in English.

(Sarvashri: C. M. Armugam, N. B. Sirdesai and P. A. Pavse stood up and began to shout simultaneously.)

MR. SPEAKER.—The members will please resume their seats.

SRI C. M. ARMUGAM.—If it is not possible to reply in English, at least let the Hon. Minister reply in Marathi,

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ.—ನಾನು ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದೆಲ್ಲಾ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರವಾಗಿಯೇ...

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—We will walk out if he does not answer in English.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—How can we put supplementaries?

MR. SPEAKER.—Hon. members can request the Hon. Minister to speak in English. They cannot demand or insist like this. He can speak in English or Kannada.

(Sarvashri: N B. Sirdesai, B. B. Sayanak, P. A. Pavse, G. L. Ashtekar and B.G. Chavan, withdraw)

Now Questions are over.

## QUESTION FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
## (but not taken up)

### Allur B. Project

180. SRI SHERKHAN (Sedam).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Allur 'B' project taluka Chitapur, Gulbarga District has been investigated on top-priority basis as ordered by the Government;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to sanction the same in view of the chronic draught conditions in that area?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Allur (B) Site has been dropped in favour of a better alternative which has been taken up for investigation.

## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI B, BASAVALINGAPPA (Minster for Revenue).—I beg to lay on the table of the House:

1. Notification No RD 519 LRM 75, dated 20/22nd March, 1978. The Karnataka Land Reforms (Amendment) Rules, 1978;
2. Notification No. 463 LRM 78 dated 28/30th March 1978. The Karnataka Land Reforms (2nd Amendment) Rules 1978;